SUBJECT No. 271.

(*a*) Making the study of English in Anglo-Vernacular schools optional.

(*a*) Messrs. C. Naraharaiya and B. Channalingappa, Nelamangala taluk; D. S. Hanumanta Rao, Devanhalli taluk; Srinivasa Rao, Chiknayakanhalli taluk; and Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—(*a*) A large majority of the students in Anglo-Vernacular schools is poor and have no desire to study English as they cannot afford to pay higher fees. It was requested last year that the study of English may be made optional and the rules modified so as to admit of boys reading Kannada alone if they should wish to do so. The rules may be accordingly revised.

If a boy joins the Anglo-Vernacular school at the age of six, it will take 4 years to complete the courses in the infant A, B, I and II classes, where he has to learn only Kannada. He has then to attend for five years the several classes of the Anglo-Vernacular school before he is able to pass the Lower Secondary Examination, by which time he will be fifteen years old. It is therefore requested that the boys may be taught English as soon as they join the 1st Kannada class, if they should so wish it.

(*b*) Teaching English along with Kannada in hobli schools.

(*b*) Mr. Chik Guruvareddi, Bangalore taluk.

(*b*) It was represented that English might be taught along with the Vernacular in all hobli schools. This has not been done yet, and the public are thereby put to much inconvenience. It is therefore requested that early orders may be passed in the matter.

(*c*) Raising the scope of branch schools.

(*c*) Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Chiknayakanhalli taluk, and Mr Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

(*c*) Every school does not teach up to the Lower Secondary Standard and the number of those that can afford to leave their homes for education is small. All branch schools should therefore be made to train pupils for the Lower Secondary Examination.

Messrs. C. Sreenivasa Rao and M. K. Krishnamurthi Rao spoke against the proposal to make the study of English optional in Anglo-Vernacular schools.

*Reply of Government.*—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 272.

Permission to commence study of English in the first Vernacular Standard.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*— Students of Anglo-Vernacular schools may be permitted to commence the study of English, when they enter upon the studies of the first Vernacular Standard.

*Reply of Government.*—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 273.

Publication of text-books in the Government and Provincial Presses.

(1) Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipality.

(2) S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—(1) All the text-books used in our schools and colleges excepting the copyright editions may be published either in the Government Press or in any other Provincial Press.

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state when the contract with Messrs. Macmillan & Co., for printing educational text-books, will expire and whether after the expiry of the contract the text-books will be got printed in the local printing presses.

*Reply of Government.*—The contract with Messrs. Macmillan & Co. expires in July 1916. The representation is noted.